

REMARKS

Amendments

Allowed Claim 3 is amended to be in independent form, rather than depending from claim 1 which was cancelled by the Examiner. Claims 8, 13, 15, 27, 29, 31, and 33 already depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 3. Thus, these claims are also in condition for allowance.

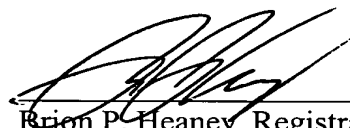
Allowed claim 9 is amended to be in independent form, rather than depending from claim 4 which was cancelled by the Examiner. Claim 14 is amended to depend from claim 9 rather than cancelled claim 4. Claims 16, 28, 30, 32 and 34 already depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 9. Thus, these claims are also in condition for allowance.

New claims 35-40 are the same as cancelled claims 17-20, 24, and 25, respectively, except that they depend from allowed claim 3, rather than cancelled claim 1.

New claims 41-45 are the same as cancelled claims 17, 19, 20, 24, and 25, respectively, except that they depend from allowed claim 9, rather than cancelled claim 1.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian P. Heaney, Registration No. 32,542
Attorney for Applicants

MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO
& BRANIGAN, P.C.
Arlington Courthouse Plaza 1
2200 Clarendon Blvd. Suite 1400
Arlington, Virginia 22201
Telephone: (703)243-6333
Facsimile: (703) 243-6410
Attorney Docket No.: POLY-2

Date: **January 7, 2005**